



California Department of Transportation
District 7 -- 120 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

FACT SHEET

GOLDEN STATE FREEWAY (I-5)

HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANE FROM THE SIMI VALLEY FREEWAY (118) TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FREEWAY (14)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV), or carpool lanes, on 6.2 miles of the northbound and southbound Golden State Freeway (I-5) from the Simi Valley Freeway (118) to the Antelope Valley Freeway between the San Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley near Sylmar.

Freeway lane and ramp closures will take place throughout construction and will take place mostly overnight. These closures will also involve connectors to and from I-5 at the Foothill Freeway (210), the San Diego Freeway (I-405), the Antelope Valley Freeway (14) and the Simi Valley Freeway (118). Signs and detours will be posted to assist motorists. In addition, press release updates on closures will be distributed to the media, chambers of commerce and cities within the construction area – as well as posted on the Caltrans website (noted below) to keep the public informed as work progresses. Construction dates and closures are weather-permitting and subject to change.

The California Highway Patrol will assist with traffic management when necessary.

Caltrans is aware of concerns regarding nighttime noise during construction and will do everything possible to keep the noise to a minimum.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: Estimated start of construction is May, 2005 and estimated completion is summer, 2007.

PROJECT BENEFITS:

This HOV project will improve mobility, help to alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling and improve air quality. In addition, soundwalls will be constructed in various locations along the project area to help improve the quality of life for residents who live alongside the I-5 freeway.

ESTIMATED COST: \$41.6 million

CONTACTS: For additional information on this freeway improvement project, please call the Caltrans Public Affairs office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (213) 897-3630 or (213) 897-3656.

PLEASE *SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.*

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